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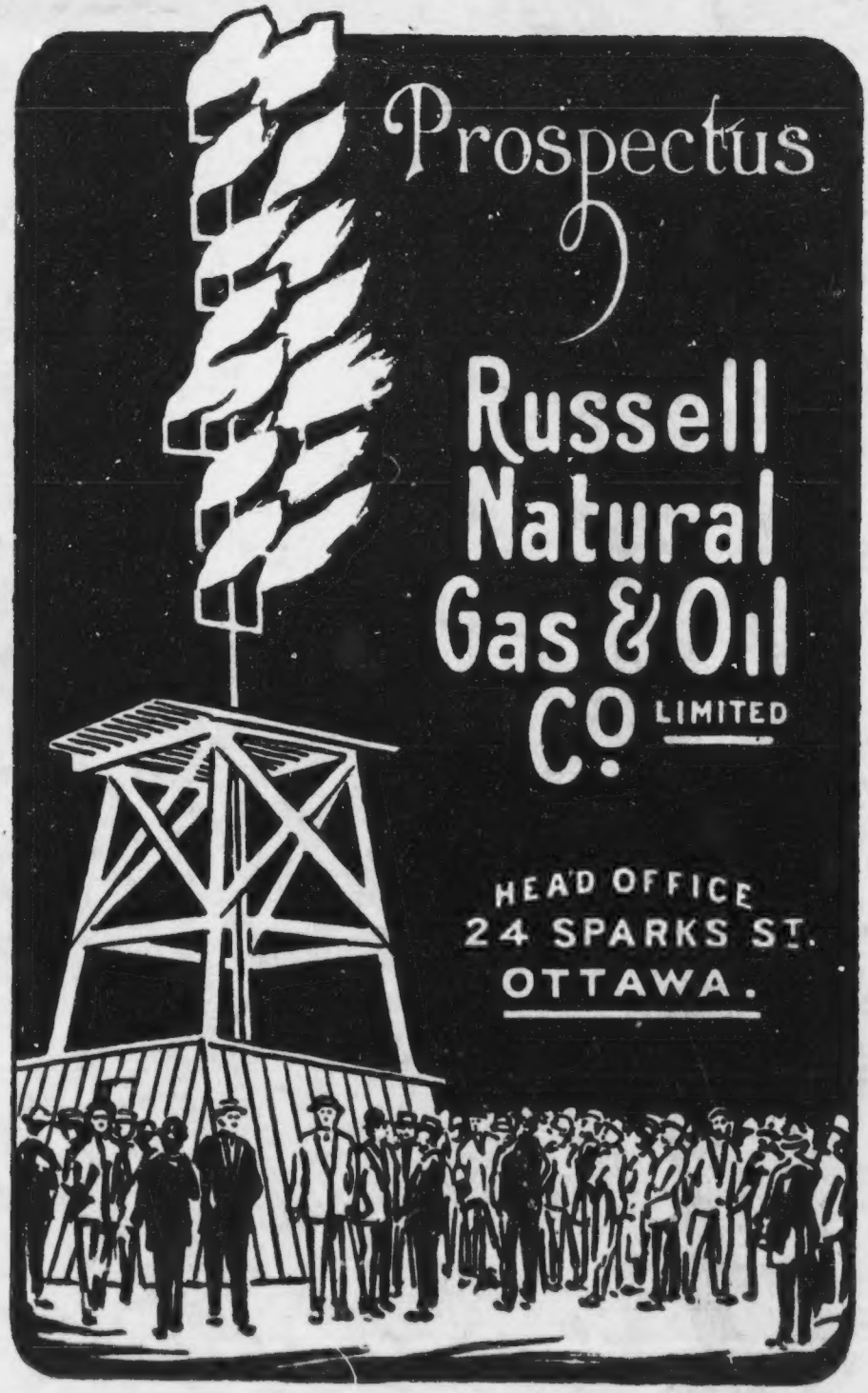

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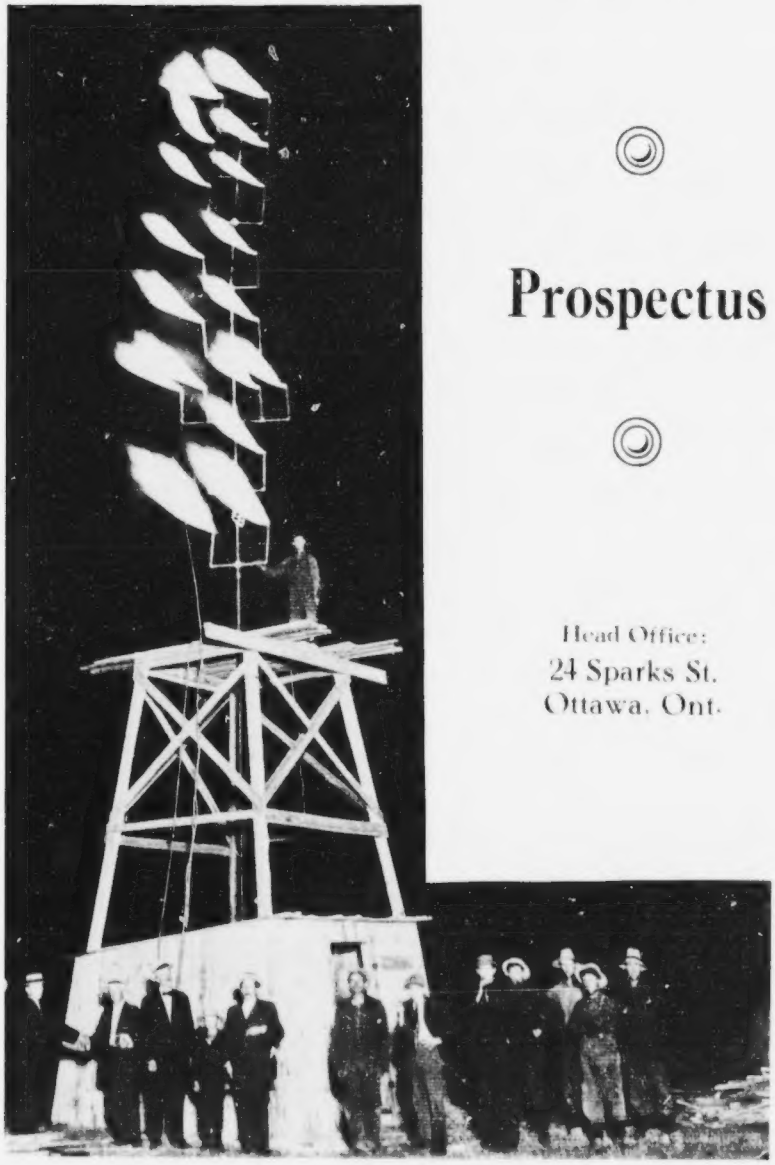

Prospectus

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BY THE RUSSELL NATURAL GAS & OIL CO. LIMITED

MR. EDMOND COTE

World-wide known Engineer in charge of the operations of The Russell Natural Gas & Oil Company, Limited at Bourget, Ont.

MR. COTE has been employed in some of the greatest Gas and Oil fields in the world. His first experience was sixteen years of service with the Standard Oil Co. of America, wherein Mr. Cote was in charge of some of this firm's biggest undertakings. At Beaumont, Texas, Mr. Cote struck an oil gusher from which one of the greatest flows ever known was recorded. Mr. Cote was also with the British Gas and Oil Co. in India for three years, and was also connected with large oil interests in Japan, Mexico, South America and in the famous Bick Oil fields in Russia. He has worked in nearly every oil field in the United States, including California, Indiana and Texas. Mr. Cote was also in the employ of the Rust Well Drilling Co., where he secured valuable experience in that line. Since then he has been connected for two years with the National Gas Co. of St. Barnabe, Que., coming later with the Russell Natural Gas and Oil Co., Limited. Mr. Cote, after all his world-wide travels and the personal participation in hundreds of discoveries of gas and oil in almost every country of this civilized world, says that he has yet to see gas and oil produced under more favorable conditions than the holdings of The Russell Natural Gas & Oil Company Limited, at Bourget offer.

THE RUSSELL NATURAL GAS & OIL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated Under the Companies' Act of the Dominion of Canada, September, 1915.

Authorized Capital, $1,000,000.00.

Divided Into 1,000,000 Shares of $1.00 Each.

OFFICERS:

President—A. S. McElroy, Esq., M.D., Physician, Ottawa.

Vice-President—N. B. McRostie, Esq., Civil Engineer, Ottawa.

Managing Director—O. A. Letts, Esq., Mechanical Engineer, Ottawa.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. W. Wanless, Esq., Ottawa.

DIRECTORS:

G. A. Booth, Esq. O. A. Major, Esq. Patrick Labelle, Esq.
J. G. Hackland, Esq.

SOLICITOR:

J. Ogle Carss, Esq.,
Union Bank Bldg., Ottawa.

BANKERS:

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Ottawa.

ENGINEER:

Edmond Cote, M.E., & Expert.
Montreal, P.Q.

AUDITOR:

Geo. E. Booth, Esq.
Ottawa.

THE RUSSELL NATURAL GAS & OIL COMPANY, LIMITED.

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AMERICA has produced more fabulously wealthy men than the whole of the balance of the entire world combined. Canada has proportionately had her share of them. The Standard Oil Co. first commenced its operations in America and the money they made there enabled them to spread their tentacles over almost every civilized section of the inhabitable globe. Gas and oil have been their commencement and today the Standard Oil Co.'s list of shareholders contains more rich men than any other company in the world.

The natural resources of any country is its backbone, as it were, and the natural resources of Canada while developed to an enormous extent are yet but in their infancy. That is, so small is the percentage of the natural resources of Canada now being developed that it is not more than a mere fraction of what is yet to be.

For almost half a thousand years the banks of the St. Lawrence and the River Ottawa have been trodden by the foot of man and it is only in recent years that one of the richest finds that man can wish to make has been made known. True it is, that a number of years ago the Geological Branch of the Dominion Government made known the fact that certain portions of Eastern Ontario—especially that section around Bourget, where the properties of The Russell Natural Gas and Oil Co., Limited, are now located—were almost sure to be sooner or later developed into natural gas and oil fields of no mean dimensions,—and that as far back as 23 years ago the residents of that section found traces of both gas and oil in their diggings and borings for water, while a scarce few of the more advanced members of the community used it in its most primitive forms—yet it was not until the present year that sufficient capital was forthcoming for its development upon a paying basis.

In May, 1914, the attention of Mr. O. A. Letts, a mechanical

engineer, gas and oil expert, was first called to the already found and over-abundant supply of gas around Bourget. After a thorough and a most exhaustive investigation in which he visited many sections where the gas was escaping and also saw the crude methods that some had taken to store and use this gas—Mr. Letts came to the conclusion that the formation of the ground was very similar to that of the Petrolia, Tilbury & Ramsay Oil Fields, partly because the settlers found it a problem to secure water that was not heavily charged with gas and oil. Mr. Letts at once saw that if his theory was correct the possibilities for the future were almost beyond comprehension. His first move was to secure leases of the different properties and these being wholly invested in the owner of each property—the Crown having settled this section of Ontario previous to 1880—it took up considerable time in explaining and expounding his policy and methods to each individual land owner. However, after over a year's hard work the persuasive powers of Mr. Letts held sway and leases were signed for over seventy-five properties or over 5,040 acres.

By special invitation about sixty prominent residents of Ottawa and its vicinity were invited to investigate these properties, with the result that forty-five of these gentlemen joined together in the formation of a strong and powerful syndicate for the future development of the field. In this latter work the present company is greatly indebted to Messrs. A. J. Benoit, J. G. Hackland, Dr. A. W. Harris and N. B. MacRostie, whose time and attention was given whenever needed entirely without recompense of any kind whatsoever.

After the formation of the Syndicate, Mr. D. L. Beaudette and A. J. Benoit, together with several others, were employed to test the field by surface testing and out of the twenty-six holes bored in an area of from 3 to 4 miles wide by 10 miles long, approximately, seventeen flowed gas. Upon this report being made to the Syndicate it was at once decided to incorporate and place the Syndicate upon a stronger and more permanent basis. Accordingly this was done with the result these gentlemen secured a charter on the 20th day of September, 1915, incorporating the Company under the Dominion Companies' Act, under the name of "The Russell Natural Gas and Oil Company, Limited."

CHARTER
Of
The Russell Natural Gas & Oil Company, Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under the First Part of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as "The Companies Act," letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the 20th day of September, 1915, incorporating Orlando Arthur Letts, mechanical engineer, John George Hackland, foreman, Achille Andre Pinard, dentist, Norman Barry MacRostie, civil engineer, Desire Louis Beaudet and Patrick Labelle, contractors, George Albert Booth, Ollie Allen Major and Theophile Fortier, merchants, Alexander Waddell Harris, veterinary surgeon, and Arthur Stevenson McElroy, physician, all of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, for the following purposes, viz:—

(a) To carry on the business of producing, refining, storing, transporting, supplying and distributing petroleum and petroleum products and natural gas in all branches;

(b) To acquire and take over as a going concern or otherwise all or any part of the business of any persons, firms or companies relating to mineral oil or the transport thereof, or any other dealing therewith, and all or any part of the assets or liabilities of any such businesses;

(c) To purchase, sell, exchange, lease or otherwise acquire real or personal property of all kinds and in particular mines, mining rights, oil wells, refineries, minerals, ores, buildings, machinery, plants, stores, patents, licenses, concessions, rights of way, light or water, and any rights or privileges which may seem to the directors convenient with reference to the business of the company, and whether for the purpose of resale or realization or otherwise, to manage, develop, lease or otherwise deal with the whole or any part of such property rights;

(d) To prospect, explore, develop, maintain and carry on all or any lands, mines or mining rights, wells, minerals, ores, works or other properties from time to time in the possession of the company or others, in any manner deemed desirable, to erect all necessary or convenient refineries, mills, works, machinery, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses for workmen or others, and other buildings, works, and appliances, and to aid in or subscribe towards or subsidize any such object;

(e) To acquire, construct, maintain, alter, make, charter, lease, hire or work waggons, steamers, ships, pipe lines, docks and canals, bridges, waterworks, tanks or storages accommodation, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotel, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas works, waterworks, piers, barges, boats, wharves and other works, plants or machinery of every description, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing and carrying on and working the same;

(f) To carry on, for the purpose of the company, business as owners and workers of mines and minerals of every description, merchants, refiners, smelters, chemists, storekeepers, carriers, shipowners, electrical and other engineers, builders or contractors, and any other business which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which the company is interested, or to the benefit of the company;

(g) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government or from any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions thereof, to obtain or assist in obtaining any provisional or other order or license, permit, franchise or other authority for enabling the company to carry any of its objects into effect;

(h) To remunerate any person or company for services rendered in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any of the shares in the company's capital, or any debentures or other securities of the company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the company or conduct of its business;

(i) To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, alter and exchange, let or hire, export and deal in all kinds of articles and things which may be required for the purposes of any of the said businesses or commonly supplied or dealt in by persons engaged in such businesses, or which may seem capable of being profitably dealt with in connection with the said businesses;

(j) To purchase or otherwise acquire any patents brevets d'invention, licenses, concessions and the like, conferring any exclusive or non-exclusive or limited right, to use any secret or other information as to any invention which may seem to the company capable of being profitably dealt with; to use, exercise, develop and grant licenses in respect of or otherwise turn to account any such patents, brevets d'invention, licenses, concessions and the like, and with a view to the working and development of the same to carry on any businesses, whether manufacturing or otherwise, which the company may think calculated directly or indirectly to effectuate these objects;

(k) To offer for public subscription, establish or promote, or concur in establishing or promoting, any other company, corporation, association or private undertaking for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property, rights and liabilities of this company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this company, and to acquire and hold shares, stock or securities of, or guarantee the payment of any securities issued by, or any other obligation of any such company, corporation, association or undertaking, and to defray all or any of the expenses of the

establishment or promotion of any such company, or corporation, association or undertaking as aforesaid, and to subsidize or otherwise assist any such company, corporation, association or undertaking, and to guarantee or underwrite subscriptions, or to subscribe for the same, or any part thereof, and to employ others to underwrite or subscribe therefor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 14 of the said Act;

(l) To advance or lend money, securities or assets of all kinds to customers and others having dealings with the company, and to any other company having objects similar in whole or in part to those of this company, upon such terms as may be arranged, and either with or without security;

(m) To invest and deal with the moneys of the company not immediately required and in such manner as may from time to time be determined;

(n) To draw, accept, endorse, negotiate or deal with bills of exchange, promissory notes, letters of credit, circular notes or other negotiable or mercantile instruments;

(o) To adopt such means of making known the product of the company as may seem expedient and in particular by advertising in the press, by circulars, by purchase and exhibition of works of art or interest, by publication of books and periodicals, and by granting prizes, awards and donations;

(p) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction which this company is authorized to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company, and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such person or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same;

(q) To sell the undertaking of the company or any part thereof for such consideration as the company may think fit, and in particular for a consideration consisting in whole or in part of cash or shares or debentures of any other company;

(r) To procure the company to be constituted or registered in any part of the world as may be found expedient;

(s) To distribute in specie, by way of dividend or otherwise, among the members, customers or employees of the company or otherwise, any shares or securities belonging to the company, or any property or assets of the company applicable as profits of the company;

(t) To subscribe to any fund, corporation or institution, incorporated or not incorporated, and to act by delegate or otherwise upon any trade council, committee, chamber of commerce, syndicate or other body of persons formed to promote either the general interests of business to which that of the company is alleged, or in which the company is interested, or any other business that may be deemed conducive in the interests of the company;

(u) To establish and support or aid in the establishment or support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of the company or its predecessors in business, or the dependents or connections of such persons, and to grant pensions and allowances and to make payments towards insurance, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition, or for any public, general or useful objects;

(v) To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company;

(w) To issue paid-up shares, bonds or debentures for the payment either in whole or in part of any property, real or personal, rights, claims, privileges, concessions or other advantages which the company may lawfully acquire, and also to issue such fully paid shares, bonds or other securities in payment, part payment or exchange for the shares, bonds, debentures or other securities of any other company doing a business similar in whole or in part or incidental to the business of this company;

(x) To do all or any of the above things in any part of the world and as principals, attorneys, contractors or agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others, or by and through the agency of others;

(y) To acquire and take over certain leases of oil, petroleum and natural gas rights held by Orlando A. Letts and to pay for the same either in cash or in fully paid-up shares of the company or partly in cash and partly in fully paid-up shares of the company;

(z) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them; the word "company" herein (except where used in reference to this company) shall be deemed to include any partnership or body of persons whether corporate or incorporate, and whether formed to carry on business in the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere, and the objects specified in each paragraph hereof shall be in no wise limited by reference to any other paragraph, but may be extended thereby.

The operations of the company to be carried on throughout the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by the name of "The Russell Natural Gas & Oil Company, Limited," with a capital stock of one million dollars, divided into 1,000,000 shares of one dollar each, and the chief place of business of the said company to be at the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario.

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 22nd day of September, 1915.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.

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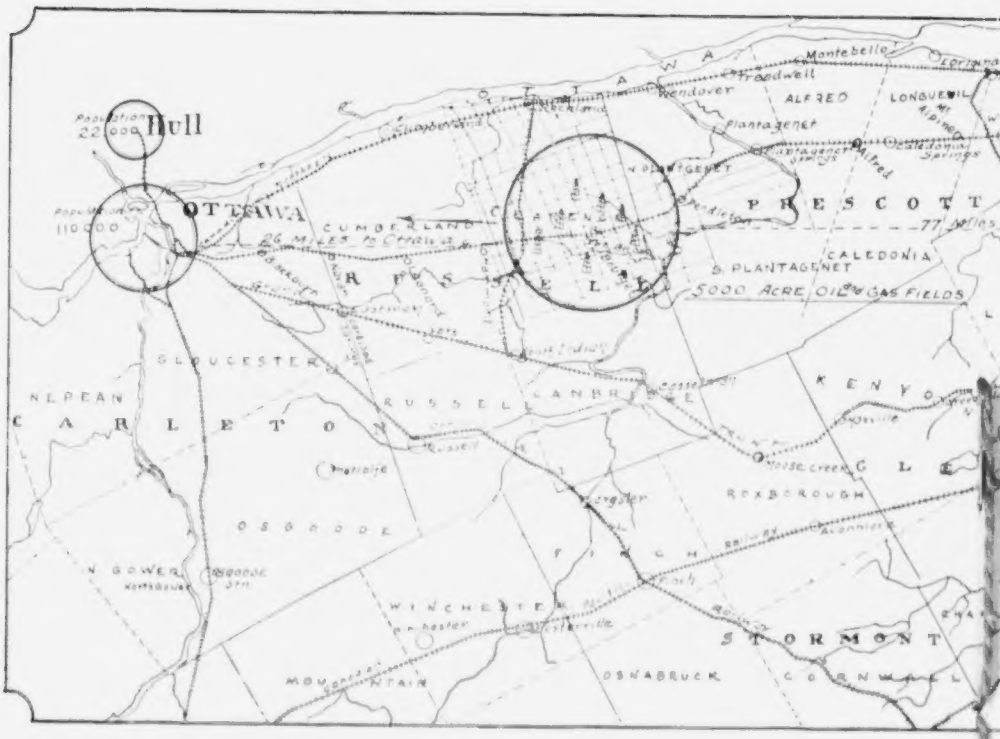

THE above plan shows the exact location of the holdings and
in Clarence Township, together with their relative position
As you will note, the distance from Ottawa (population
77 miles from Montreal (population 800,000). It is proposed to
but also just as soon as satisfactory terms and cross lines can be
lages, not only on the direct route between these two centres, but
twenty-five to fifty miles North and South of the proposed line,
Limited, hold leases for rights in this section of over 5,000 acres.
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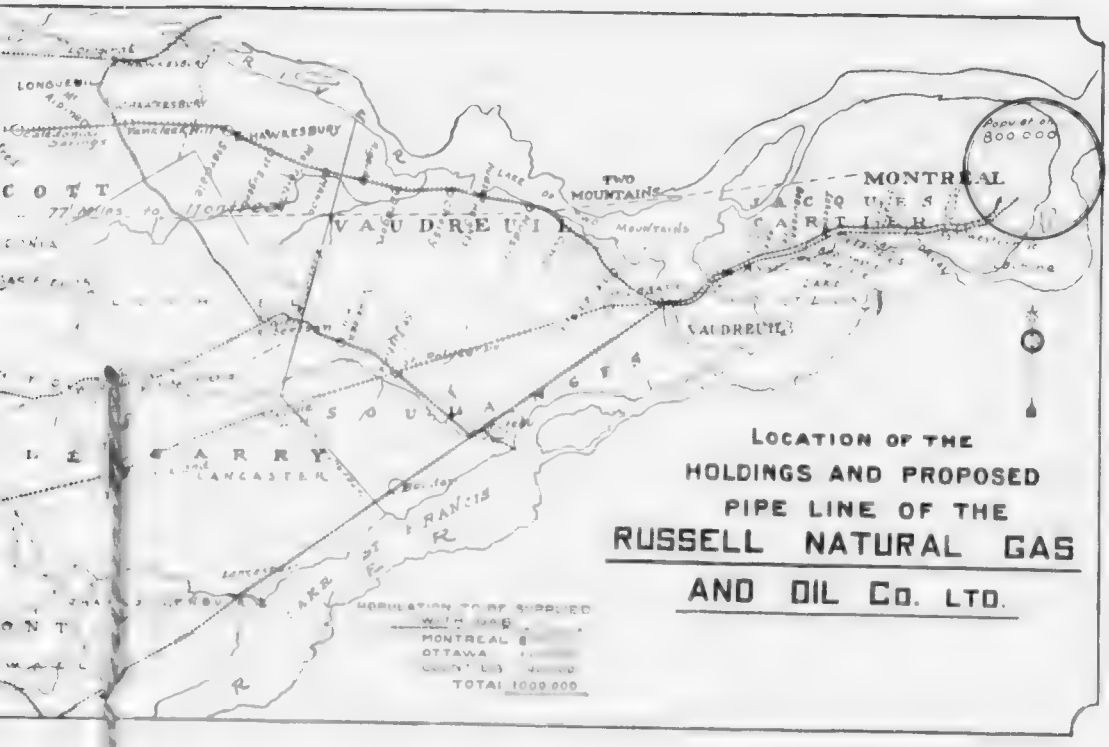
population of over 1,000,000 people or 200,000 homes, which, if only
for the company's shareholders.

The management of The Russell Natural Gas
heating and lighting the Town of



gs and proposed pipe line of The Russell Natural Gas & Oil Co., Limited. position in conjunction with the Cities of Ottawa, Hull and Montreal. lation (110,000) to these holdings is but 26 miles, while they are but only posed to not only pipe gas for domestic purposes to both of these cities, s can be made, to make connections with all intervening towns and vil- tres, but to branch out and link up many other sections anywhere from osed line, as shown. Altogether The Russell Natural Gas & Oil Co.,) acres. The population of the surrounding counties, exclusive of cities, es to be 90,000. The district this company propose to serve has a h, if only one-fourth are supplied, should mean untold millions of dollars

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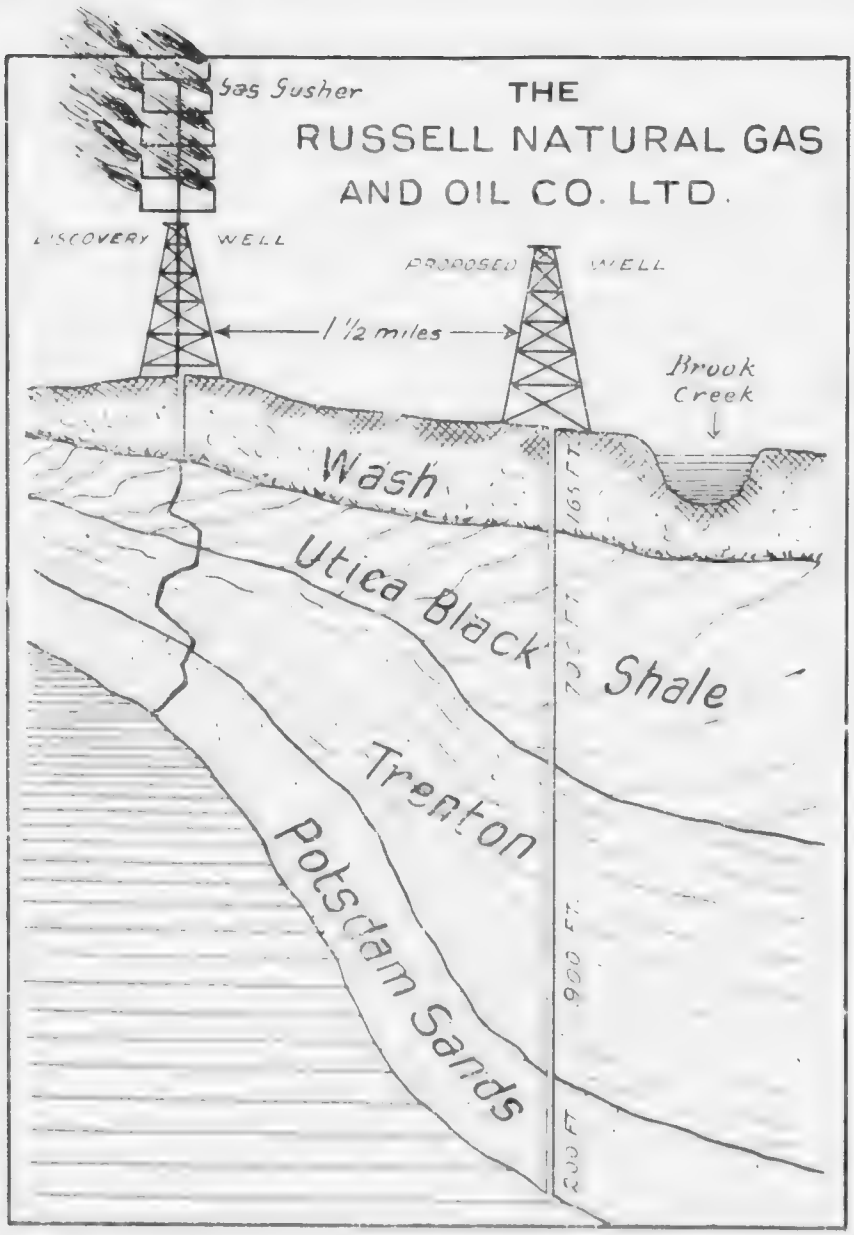
wn of Bourget before Christmas, 1915.



Different formations of earth as given by Engineer and Geological Experts and said to exist in proportion as shown.

Discovery Well as shown upon test has a flow of 296,880 cubic feet of gas in 24 hours. When mined to capacity it will yield over four and a quarter millions feet of gas, it will supply twice as much gas as is now consumed in Ottawa and still have over two millions to the good.

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TABLE III

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THE RUSSELL NATURAL GAS AND OIL COMPANY, Limited, hold the sole rights to drill for oil upon an area of some 5040 acres, more or less. The entire field is within their powers to develop and cannot be entered by any other company unless they so wish it. Already seventeen out of twenty-six surface borings have produced gas out of which a sufficient quantity has already been struck to furnish the entire population of Ottawa and Montreal, even if every home became a consumer in these two cities. It is the intention of this company as soon as sufficient stock has been subscribed to commence the construction of their pipe line and the linking up of the many different towns and villages together with the cities of Ottawa and Montreal.

The Directors of the Company have decided to sell 100,000 shares of the Treasury stock of the Company to secure money for carrying on the operations of the Company and offers have already been received looking to the entire underwriting of this stock. It is confidently expected by the Directors that this will provide sufficient capital to carry on the operations of the Company.

As an illustration of the vast and enormous sums that have been made from time to time by lucky investors in gas and oil shares the following comparisons are specially worthy of mention.

Shares in the "Pinal" Company sold originally at 25c each. These same shares are worth $25.00 today. This company pays 15 per cent. monthly, that is $60.00 a month for each $100.00 invested.

$100.00 invested in the New York, yields	$3,900.00
100.00 invested in the Handford, yields	4,000.00
100.00 invested in the Peerless, yields	4,300.00
100.00 invested in the San Joaquin, yields	5,700.00
100.00 invested in the Kern River, yields	8,000.00
100.00 invested in the Home, yields	40,000.00

In 1912, a report upon the value of Natural Gas in the United States was over $84,500.00. Natural gas is noted wherever it is used to be the best of fuels, cleaner, more convenient and more efficient for almost every purpose than any other fuel.

The Russell Natural Gas and Oil Co., Limited, possess all the elements necessary to obtain equal success. It has immense territory located in a proved productive zone and an almost unlimited market.

MINING ENGINEER AND EXPERT'S REPORT FOR THE RUSSELL NATURAL GAS AND OIL CO., LIMITED.

Montreal, October 20th, 1915.

Dear Sirs,—

I have made an expert examination of the Natural Gas Well at Bourget together with the formation of the ground according to the Geological report of the same, and am pleased to state:

1. When I opened the valve upon the present well the gas escaped with a uniform, even pressure, not only for a few minutes, but for several hours. Upon test I found that this well has a flow of 2,062,880 cubic feet of raw gas in twenty-four hours, which, when mixed with air, will yield close onto four and one-half million cubic feet of gas.

2. The results as stated in No. 1 go to show that the gas has been localized exactly in the same line which has given so renumerative gas production in the United States of America.

3. In your instance the Trenton Rock should be struck at a depth not lower than 1,700 to 1,800 feet. When this is done the output of gas should increase enormously. This one fact alone establishes a splendid opportunity for the gas field at Bourget, Ont. Four such wells as this one I have tested should feed the whole of the cities of Ottawa and Montreal and all the surrounding districts contemplated by your company. This one well alone has over twice the consumption of gas at present consumed in Ottawa with a back supply of two million feet.

4. The territory all around the locality where the well, which is controlled by your syndicate, is situated, is of such a size that even if only a fraction of it was found productive, there would be more gas than sufficient to supply the entire market contemplated by your concern.

Yours sincerely,

Edmond Cote

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VENDOR'S CONTRACTS.

Under an agreement dated 22nd September, 1915, between this Company and Orlando A. Letts, 710,000 shares were issued to Mr. O. A. Letts in consideration of the assignment and transfer of the leases he held from the owners of the petroleum and natural gas rights of 5,040 acres, as shown on Page 11 of this prospectus. Subsequently Mr. Letts, without consideration, transferred the lease of the oil and petroleum rights which he held on the North part of Lot No. 20, Concession 2, Township of Clarence, County of Russell, containing about 50 acres.

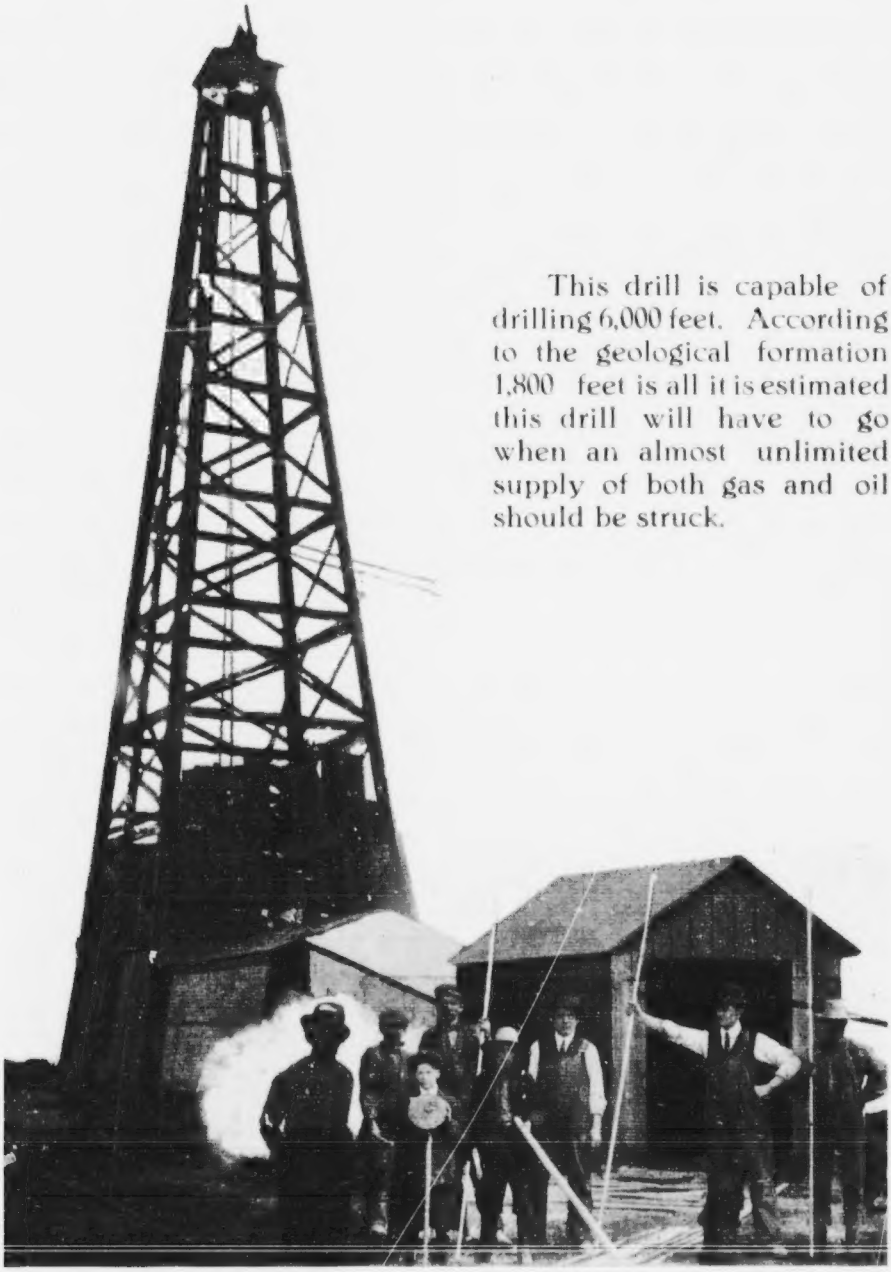
On the 22nd October, 1915, the Company agreed to pay Mr. Letts for promotion fees and expenditures made by him on behalf of the Company, including the purchase of materials on the Company's property and furnishings and fixtures at the Head Office and money expended by him in the development of the Company's properties the sum of $10,000.

On the 22nd October, 1915, a further contract was entered into between this Company and Mr. Letts, whereby the Company secured three leases of oil and gas rights on some 225 acres in consideration of the issue and allotment to Mr. Letts of 50,000 shares of the Capital Stock of the Company.

Mr. Letts has agreed to hold 100,000 of his shares in trust for Treasury purposes.

These contracts can be seen at the Head Office of the Company, No. 24 Sparks Street, Ottawa.

DERRICK DRILLING WELL No. 2



This drill is capable of drilling 6,000 feet. According to the geological formation 1,800 feet is all it is estimated this drill will have to go when an almost unlimited supply of both gas and oil should be struck.

If not interested kindly forward
to someone who will be.

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